



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Donald K. Drummond :

Application No.: 09/826,062 : Group No.: 1731

Filed: 04/04/2001 : Examiner: Peter Chin

For: THE USE OF CALCIUM CARBONATE IN AN ACIDIC AQUEOUS MEDIA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for two (2) months:

Fee: \$410.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

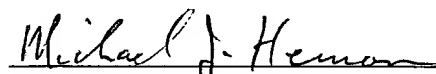
	(Col.1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Addit. Fee
Total	6	Minus	24	= 0	x \$18 = \$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$78 = \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$260 = \$0
					Total Addit. Fee \$0

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
 ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE (Column 2, Row 1) is less than 20, enter "20".
 *** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE (Column 2, Row 2) is less than 3, enter "3".
 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

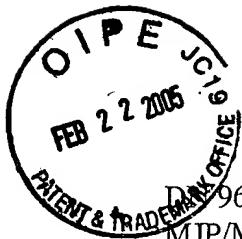
FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 13-3639.
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two (2) months to Respond to an Office Action.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:	Fee for other than small entity:
2 months	\$410.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
Extension fee due with this request \$ 410.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on July 28, 2003.

6. Fee Payment

Charge fee to Account No. 13-3639. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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Amendment Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

This request is in response to the office Action dated February 28, 2003, in which Claims 1 and 17-24 are pending in the application. Claims 20, 21 and 24 were withdrawn from consideration. Examiner rejected claims 1, 17-19, 22 and 23. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following Amendments and accompanying remarks and to enter a Notice of Allowance.